

Notice of Public Meeting

Status of the long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program; Overview of recent activities in the current Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) staff and Regional Water Board will hold public meetings to discuss the status of the development of a long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), provide an overview of activities in the current ILRP, and give interested parties an opportunity to provide comments to the ILRP subcommittee of the Regional Water Board.

BACKGROUND

The Central Valley's ILRP was initiated in 2003 with the adoption of the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Within the Central Valley Region* (Conditional Waiver). A revised Conditional Waiver was adopted in July 2006. The 2006 Conditional Waiver and its associated requirements are considered part of an interim program for regulation of discharges from irrigated agricultural lands. Regional Water Board staff will be developing recommendations for a long-term ILRP during 2008-2009. The public meetings will include:

1. Discussion of the current ILRP, including monitoring efforts, development of management plans, outreach and enforcement.
2. Review of comments received as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping for the long-term program; status of revisions to the Existing Conditions Report; and next steps in the development of the long-term program.
3. An opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the current program and long-term program development.

Additional information regarding the current Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program is available for download in PDF format from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/index.html. Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting date, meeting materials will also be available on the website for download.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

ILRP Meeting Times and Locations:

Location: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center,
West Hall
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95358
Date: 22 July 2008
Time: 6:00 PM to 8 PM

Location: International Agricultural Center,
Heritage Complex
4500 South Laspina
Tulare, CA 93274
Date: 23 July 2008
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Monday Afternoon Club
120 North Lassen Street
Willows, CA 95988
Date: 19 August 2008
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Wendy Stewart at (916) 464-4617 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Wendy Stewart at (916) 464-4617 or wstewart@waterboards.ca.gov or to Joe Karkoski at (916) 464-4668 or jkarkoski@waterboards.ca.gov. To continue receiving notifications regarding development of the Long-term ILRP, you must subscribe to the "Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program" mailing list through our webpage at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/reg5_subscribe.html.

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Joe Karkoski, Chief, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

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